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## CROP PRODUCTION - JUNE 2010

### COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on June 1 conditions, winter wheat production in Colorado is forecast at 89.7 million bushels, up 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but 8 percent below the 98.0 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.30 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 150,000 acres less than the 2.45 million acres harvested in 2009. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 39.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel per acre below last year's average. Soil moisture has been adequate in most growing areas this spring but cool temperatures in April and May delayed crop development. Currently, wheat is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeet production in 2009 has been revised to 963,000 tons, up from 945,000 tons estimated in January. Acreage remains at 35,100 planted and 35,000 harvested. Yield is now estimated at 27.5 tons per acre, up from 27.0 in January.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.48 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 3 percent from 2009. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from the previous forecast and up 2.4 bushels from last year. Expected grain area totals 31.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from last year. As of May 30, sixty-five percent of the United States winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 20 points above the same week in 2009, and heading had reached 75 percent in the 18 major producing States, 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the six Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's level in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma but above in Colorado, Montana, and Texas. Yields are higher than last month in Colorado, Kansas, and Montana but unchanged in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas. The percent of crop headed was behind the 5-year average in all of the major Hard Red Winter States except Oklahoma, which was equal to the 5-year average. Cooler temperatures and rainfall during May delayed crop development in Kansas. Harvest has begun in Oklahoma and Texas.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the three Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio) are below last year's level in Illinois and Missouri but above in Ohio. Yields are down from May in Illinois, but unchanged in Missouri and Ohio. In Illinois, above normal temperatures and below average precipitation were reported in May. The percent of crop headed at the end of May was ahead of the 5-year average in all of the major Soft Red Winter States except Missouri, which was 5 points below average. Wet weather has caused some disease concerns in Illinois.

In the Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington), yields increased from last month in Oregon and Washington, but remain unchanged in Idaho. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are above last year. The percent of crop headed in the Pacific Northwest was behind the 5-year average in Idaho and Washington, but ahead in Oregon. Washington's crop remains in good condition as a result of widespread rainfall during May.

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